

Open Space Committee
Minutes: August 18, 2021

In attendance: Frances Lewis, Kait Logan, Saul Fisher, Peter Wade, Karen Strauss. Absent: Joanna Buffington

Chair Lewis opened the ZOOM meeting @ 3:00 pm

No Minutes to approve:

CPA PROJECTS:

KS starting work on Sandy Meadow signage. For Higgins Property, we need to start thinking about what online reporting form will look like.

CONSERVATION FUND:

A meeting with Town administrators is scheduled for September 13th to discuss how the Conservation Fund would work in Eastham.

The CPA committee will hold a public hearing to hear ideas for projects for the upcoming application cycle. on September 1st at 5 p.m. This is an opportunity to present the concept of the Conservation Fund to the committee before the formal application deadline of November 1st. Karen Strauss will present the rationale and workings of the Conservation Fund and will share her informational Power Point presentation .

After discussion, the funding goal of the Conservation Fund was set at \$1 to \$2 million dollars. Funding sources are CPA money and Town contributions.

After discussion of the money available for Open Space from CPA funds from FY20 TO FY23, the decision was to ask for \$500,000 for the Conservation Fund from the 2021 CPA application.

After discussion, the decision was made to limit the use of the money from the Conservation Fund 2021 application to land acquisition only. The regular CPA process will be used for other projects and non-time sensitive land purchases.

OSC needs to work on getting approval for the Conservation Fund from the CPA Committee, Select Board, Finance Committee , Strategic Action Plan Committee

LAND MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR PRIORITY PARCELS:

KL presented the current draft of the document for committee review. There was a decision to include an addendum with pictures showing the invasive species commonly found in the parcels.

Next Meeting: September 15 at 3:00.

Respectfully Submitted, Frances Lewis